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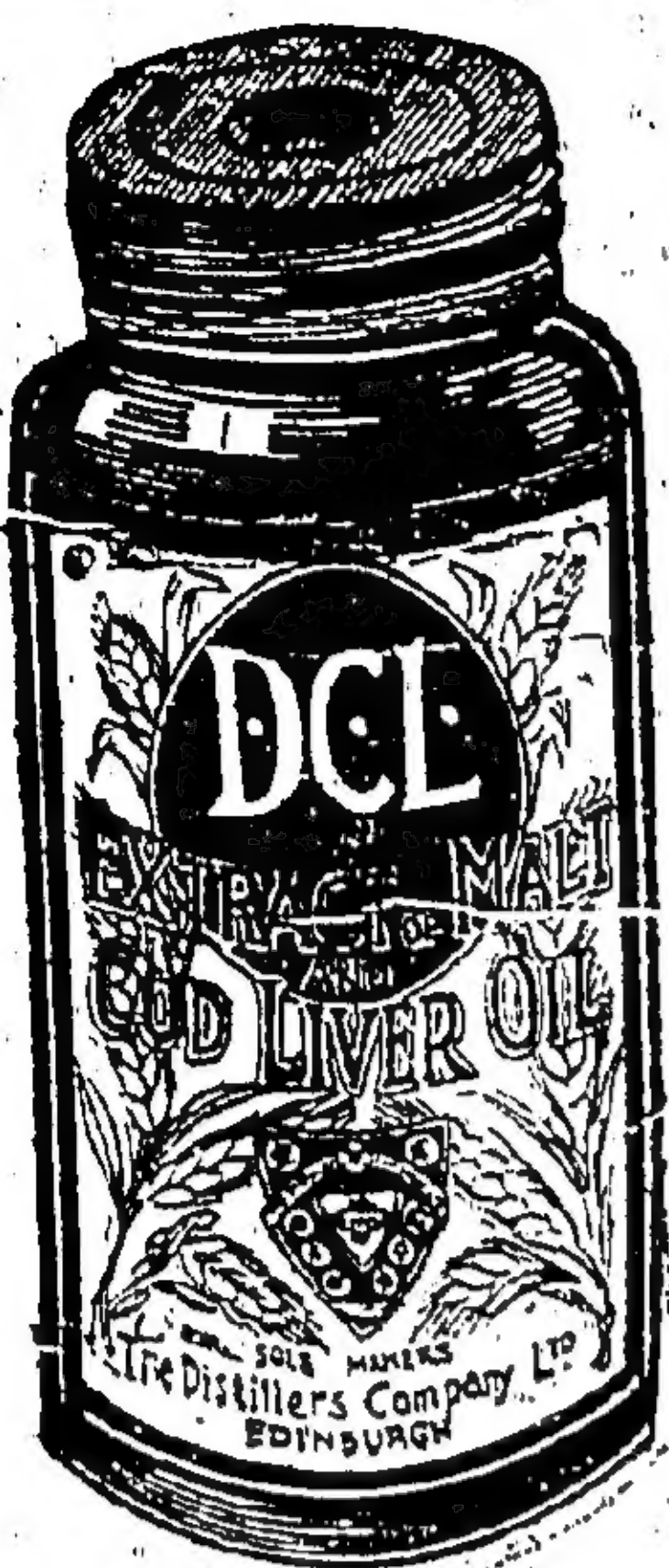
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

THE LATE LORD PENTLAND.

NO RENT WAR IN CLYDEBANK.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, January 14th.
Lord Pentland's death came as a shock to the Scottish public, his illness was not known outside his personal circle. As Capt. John Sinclair, he represented Forfarshire in the House of Commons for about 14 years, and during the last five of these he was Secretary for Scotland. He owed his political promotion in large measure to the close personal friendship which subsisted between him and the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, whose executor he was. Though a man of great personal kindness, Capt. Sinclair figured in several keen party controversies, but these differences did not long survive the occasion of them. He had in his composition a strain of obstinacy, which was as much relished by his political friends as it was resented by his opponents, and at times that characteristic made the way to agreement more difficult than it need have been. He was, as deliberate in the formation of his opinions as in the expression of them, and once he had reached a conclusion he was difficult to move. To the House of Commons he brought the experience of ten years in the Army, a knowledge of the working of Local Authorities obtained as a member of the London County Council, and a familiarity with the state of affairs in Ireland gained as A.D.C. to the then Lord-Lieutenant. When he was elevated to "another place" as Lord Pentland of Lyth, Caithness, the intention was to give the Scottish Office a direct representative in the House of Lords; it was notorious at the time that the group of Scottish Peers who were taking an active part in the affairs of Scotland, the whole of the Scottish Liberals in the Lower House put together, and it was felt that a competent member of the Government was required there to meet their arguments. When he was appointed Governor of Madras it may be said that it was a great surprise even to his political friends. On his return from India, Lord Pentland gave one the impression that he chafed at a little of the political activity imposed upon him by his membership of the House of Lords. He took part in several of its debates on Indian problems, but much of his time at Westminster was spent in the Commons lobby, for the renewal of old party and personal friendships.

THE EVICTIONS Fiasco AT CLYDEBANK.

The rent strike at Clydebank, that notorious burgh on its weary way, and there does not seem the slightest prospect of a settlement. "Another eviction fiasco" at Clydebank has become a familiar large type heading in our Scottish newspapers. Socialist poison is at the bottom of the difficulties and fear is expressed, not without good reason, that the evil influence may spread to other industrial districts in the West of Scotland. The trouble may be shortly summarised. All over the rest of the country the increases of rent fixed in the Rent Restriction Act have been paid, if not cheerfully at least punctually. Clydebank set itself from the first to oppose the increases, and it has managed by resistance within and without the law to maintain its position for five years. It has benefited, too, by the poverty which severe unemployment brought to the locality—taking full advantage of the opportunity to shelter behind the allegations of distress, which was a factor in at least some of the cases. But in reality the movement has been one of sheer lawlessness, and for the moment it looks as if the law had been beaten. The recent endeavours to break down this conspiracy have served only to demonstrate a strange powerlessness in the legal machinery. On what must be a score of occasions officers armed with warrants to turn out non-paying tenants, have gone into the district. Always they have been met by organised mobs. Sometimes, being without police protection, the officials have found it prudent to withdraw under some sort of compromise. At other times, protected by strong forces of police, they have endeavoured to carry out their duty. They have then found the offending families barricaded in their dwellings, and have had to force entrance through passages blocked with sympathisers. Generally only passive resistance has been offered, and on several occasions it has been overcome. The houses have been entered, the tenants turned out, their furniture carried away, and the doors fastened. Then the forces of the law march away. Scarcely have the sound of the policemen's footsteps died down when the houses have once more been opened, the furniture carried back, and the former tenants reinstated. And then Clydebank has settled down as before, still paying no rent, and waited for the next eviction threat. This farce cannot go on interminably. Who is to conquer, the law or disorder? Some of the details of the situation remind one of the old land war in Ireland. For instance, there is the elaborate system of scouts and alarm carriers in Clydebank, and when bailiffs appear the mob is summoned for the absence of firearms the tactics of the Irish Land League are carried out in every detail.

During the past few months many hundreds of eviction decrees have been obtained in Court, less than forty have been put in operation, and only about fifteen tenants have actually been evicted, the others all having resumed occupancy. In the result, property owners are lying out of some £200,000 of rent, the public rates are burdened with arrears of roughly £100,000, and property is decaying because of lack of repair. The further the situation develops the more ominous it grows. Disorder is increasing, and physical violence is becoming an accompaniment of the Clydebank mob's activities.

SCOTS PROVERBS.

One of the most recent publications of the Scottish Text Society is the re-issue of Ferguson's "Proverbs," a sixteenth century collection. The book—which, of course, is only circulated to members of the Society—is of peculiar interest to Scots, and a few "swatches" may therefore be given of its contents. A number of the proverbs are not specially Scottish, but the majority illustrate what is generally regarded as our racial character. For instance we have an addition to the very familiar proverb, not purely Scottish, "A penny cat may look at a king." In the form in which it appears it is a halfpenny cat—"A halfpenny cat may look to the king, and so may the cat that costs nothing." Again we have this "Bying and scarting is Scots folk wooing." If that could have been explained to the late Mr. Froude, what a difference it would have made to his Life of Carlyle. Or again, going back to the point of caution, "It is hard to wife and thrive in a year." Sound advice is given thus: "Put two pennies in a purse, they will draw the third." And then there will be the pathetic proverb which one could fancy to have been used in a good many circumstances in Scotland, "Many speaks of my great drinking, but few of my sore thirst." We find also proverbs which bring a focus on the history of Scotland, some of them used on very famous occasions, for example, "Better bairns greet than bairns men," that remark which annoyed poor King James VI. so much at the age of 14 or 15. Of more tragic association is the proverb quoted when Queen Mary was being betrayed to allow her to be executed in England without serious interference from her son. It ran "Dead men byres not." A proverb which might be put in an examination paper in Scottish history was "Nearest the king, nearest the widge," that is gallow's. There is also in the collection a very considerable number of general proverbs, such as "An ounce of mother wit is worth a pound of clergie"—a pound of learning—or the contemptuous "Send him to the sea, and he will not get water," or the proverb, "Likit gear is half bought." Lastly, we find an interesting address and a cheque for £135 have been presented by the congregation of St. Mary's R.C. Church, Hamilton, to their curate, the Rev. J. P. Conway, on the occasion of his departure for China to undertake missionary work.

OBITUARY.

At Glasgow, on the 10th inst., Robert Laing 79, late of Hongkong.
DIATRICH PROSPERITY IN SKYE.

A Welsh syndicate has purchased the working rights of the diatrach deposits in the island of Skye, and it is proposed to apply for a guarantee under the Trades Facilities Act in order to develop the industry. The working rights are held under a Crown lease from the Scottish Board of Agriculture. Diatrachite is capable of many and varied uses in industry, and the owning company suggest that it might well be made into a remunerative source of employment in the island, which has few, if any, industries. All the diatrachite used in this country, chiefly in gun and munition factories, is imported, and it is stated to have been proved that the Skye deposits are amongst the first in the world as to extent, and unequalled in the quality of the diatrachite.

ONE MILLION POUNDS FOR ROADS.

I understand that the Minister of Transport, Colonel Ashley, has submitted to the Cabinet a programme of road construction which includes the making of important new roads in Scotland, the Scottish share of the grant is believed to amount to about £1,000,000. It will be mainly disbursed on the construction of a road in the West Highlands. When Mr. Gosling, the late Minister of Transport, visited Scotland last year he was much impressed by the need for a road which would have Fort-William as a terminal point, and it will probably be found when the scheme is approved that Mr. Gosling's successor has similar views as to the necessity of such a road.

FOOD OR MEDICINE?

An interesting combination of delicacies, unthought of by Soyer or Francatelli, was the fortuitous result of the recent dirty weather in the North Sea. A cargo of potatoes on a German ship bound for a Scottish port became mixed up with a quantity of glaucous salts, and on examination it was discovered that the potatoes had become impregnated with salts to the extent of 25.2 grains per lb. Apparently no one has attempted by experiment to find what this effectively represents as a blend of food and medicine, for the potatoes are to be destroyed.

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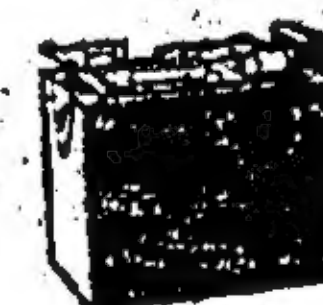
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H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

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HANDICAP SINGLES "A"
W. B. Cornaby +1/8 by
H. H. Taylor scr. Col. Russell Brown -15.
F. E. Searle +15 v. S. E. Green -15.
G. Miskin +4/8 v. Major Hattersley Smith -3/8.
T. Monaghan +2/8 v. W. H. Bourne +2/8.
Capt. R. H. P. West -15 v. T. H. King +2/8.
H. C. Gould +3/8 v. B. D. Evans +1/8.
E. Grimbly +3/8 v. A. D. Humphreys -3/8.
G. W. Sewell -5/8 v. W. Hyde -3/8.
D. S. Green +5/8 v. Dr. D. J. Valentine +4/8.
W. L. Thomas +15 v. R. W. Saunders -3/8.
A. H. Crook +2/8 v. L. Forster -3/8.
F. A. Henslowe +3/8 v. G. B. Hett +2/8.
F. A. Redmond -15 v. D. J. Alfrey +2/8.
G. W. G. Simpson +4/8 by.
G. R. More +3/8 by.

HANDICAP SINGLES "B"
E. J. R. Mitchell -3/8 by.
M. M. Watson +15 v. W. Woodward scr.

W. Lithgow Smith +15 v. L. M. S. Lloyd -3/8.
C. M. Wilson +4/8 v. O. C. Womack scr.

J. H. B. Nihill +1/8 v. Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews -2/8.
G. de Man scr. v. S. C. Cook +3/8.
J. R. Collis +5/8 v. A. C. I. Bowker +2/8.

A. H. Penn scr. v. G. H. Heintzen scr.
D. D. Dryden scr. v. H. J. Armstrong -3/8.
D. H. Banner scr. v. A. K. Mackenzie -1/8.
F. W. Greene +15 v. G. van Edmond scr.

N. Evans -2/8 v. P. H. Bonnerman scr.
L. P. Ralph +2/8 v. P. E. Barker +15.
C. W. E. Bishop -1/8 v. G. C. Worral -1/8.

Capt. L. W. Bennet +3/8 v. R. Melville Smith -1/8.
Capt. C. J. F. Hensley +3/8 by.

HANDICAP DOUBLES
C. Willson and N. L. Smith +3/8 v. B. D. Evans and W. Hyde -3/8.

Byes.
L. P. Ralph and A. H. Penn +15.
Dr. D. J. Valentine and R. J. Saunders scr.

F. E. Barker and N. Evans +5/8.
S. E. Green and D. S. Green -2/8.
J. R. Collis and S. A. Arthur +15.
C. M. Wilson and Capt. S. Feary +4/8.

F. W. Greene and Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews +15.
Capt. W. L. Bennet and H. L. C. Hall +15.

W. Ironside and C. C. Hickling +4/8.
J. R. Wood and A. H. Crook +1/8.
P. H. Bonnerman and G. van Edmond +2/8.

E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Woodward +2/8.
Capt. Bessley and Capt. Clements +15.

Lt.-Col. M. Bates and Capt. R. H. P. West -15.
H. J. Armstrong and G. R. More +1/8.

A. C. I. Bowker and A. K. Mackenzie +3/8.
G. Miskin and C. Blaker +3/8.
O. C. Womack and J. H. B. Nihill +2/8.

D. D. Dryden and C. W. E. Bishop +3/8.
Dr. W. L. Thomas and M. H. Turner +3/8.

W. B. Cornaby and N. L. H. Raiton scr.
H. C. Gould and F. A. Henslowe -1/8.

Dr. D. R. Gowler and Dr. G. E. Aubrey -4/8.
T. Monaghan and W. H. Bourne scr.

L. Forster and F. A. Redmond -15.
G. C. Worral and L. M. S. Lloyd +1/8.

A. S. Hett and G. B. Hett scr.
F. S. C. Brooks and S. C. Cook +15.
J. A. Worswick and E. F. Stewart +15.

G. R. Sayer and A. D. Humphreys +4/8 v. Lt.-Col. C. Hake and Lt.-Col. Fitzgerald +3/8.

G. de Man and W. S. Phillips +2/8 v. W. H. Lock and C. M. Vise +5/8.

MIXED DOUBLES
L. M. S. Lloyd and Miss Peck scr. by.
B. D. Evans and Mrs. H. Griffin +3/8.

W. Woodward and Mrs. Woodward +15 v. H. J. Armstrong and Miss J. Holyoak +3/8 v. F. A. Searle and Mrs. Carpenter +15.

A. Worswick and Mrs. S. C. Cook +3/8 v. Lt.-Col. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Cavalier scr.

L. Forster and Miss H. Irving -4/8 v. P. Jacks and Mrs. H. B. Sears +15.
E. Grimbly and Mrs. Grimbly -1/8 v. G. R. Sayer and Mrs. Sayer -1/8.

R. A. Chidson and Miss Birkett +4/8 v. A. H. Crook and Miss H. Bailey +4/8.
G. R. More and Mrs. M. Forbes scr. v. H. H. Taylor and Miss Pottinger scr.

T. H. King and Mrs. McElderry scr. v. E. S. C. Brooks and Mrs. Brooks +15/1.
G. W. G. Simpson and Mrs. M. H. B. Scott +15/1 v. Major Hattersley Smith and Mrs. Hattersley Smith -2/8.

Lt.-Col. M. Bates and Mrs. Davison -15 v. T. Monaghan and Mrs. O. C. Stark -3/8.

CANTON NEWS

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

THE WATER SURTAX.

Residents in the City of Canton led by Mr. Chen Ping, are asking the authorities to repeal the surtax of 20 per cent. on the regular water rates, which have been several times revised and increased in the last few years. With prices of rice and fire-wood already high in Canton for the poor class, frequent additional charges on water have become a hardship to many.

FUNDS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Owing to lack of funds on the part of the Public Highway Commission, the roads of the city are getting into a neglected condition. Several transportation companies have offered to make loans to the Government for road repairing and construction, and the Public Highway Commission is asking the Chung Hwa, the Kwangchow, and the Canadian Bus Companies for a joint loan of \$17,500. These concerns will be given permission to levy higher fares for their service and apply the proceeds for the repayment of the loan.

OPIUM MONOPOLY MOOTED.

PROTESTS FROM SHANGHAI MERCHANTS.

Shanghai is up in arms against the proposal made by Mr. Sun Pao Chi and Mr. Yu Pah Ching, Tapan and Huipian of the Special Shanghai Municipality, to grant opium monopolies and to establish public opium sales bureaux under Government auspices, states the *N. C. Daily News*. Many protests are being lodged with the Peking Government against the project.

Among the public organizations which have telegraphed their protests to Peking are the Shantung, Hanbury and Canton Roads and Avenue Edward VII. street unions, the Kiangsi Residents' Association of Shanghai, the Shanghai Commercial Federation, the Chapek Commercial Union, the Shanghai Commerce Maintenance Association and the Association of Chapel Exchange and Cigarette Shops.

The Commercial Federation, in its telegram, says that the people are disgusted with the proposal. "Before actually assuming office the two officials have already counteracted a return of this degrading evil, hence the people know already that when they come here their administration will be a very corrupt one." The merchants, the writers continue, are strongly opposed to the proposal and object to the two officials assuming office. Peking accordingly is asked to cancel their appointments and to turn down the proposal.

Mr. Yang Kuo Han, an educational and social leader, has also telegraphed to Peking saying that Mr. Sun Pao Chi is a man of questionable reputation, who should be dismissed and punished as well as boycotted by the people. The Government is asked to cancel his appointment, otherwise the people will unite in expressing their will with force. Parades and meetings will be held if the Government refuses to accede to the people's wishes and Marshal Tuan, the Chief Executive, and his Cabinet will not be recognized any more by the people. Plans then will be made for the convention of a citizens' conference which will assume responsibility for the reorganization of national affairs. Marshal Tuan, says the writer, knows what the will of the people means, seeing that this was mainly responsible for his ejection from Peking some years ago.

GOLF AT FAIRLING.

Play in the Junior Championship, second round, on Sunday, resulted as under:

L. S. Greenhill beat G. B. Layton, 8 and 6; A. E. Lissaman beat J. W. Alabaster at the 20th; H. G. Hegarty beat W. B. Cornaby, 6 and 4; J. W. Franks v. A. C. I. Bowker (scratched); A. D. Humphreys beat Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews at the 19th; Major Milner Jones beat Major Hyland, 4 and 3; A. O. Brown beat A. Morrison, 5 and 4; and G. B. Hett beat F. N. Young, 7 and 5.

HOCKEY.

H.K.C.C. v. THE ARMY.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club in their Shield match against the Army on Wednesday, Feb. 25th at the U.S.B.C. at 5.15 p.m.—P. W. F. Mills, A. A. Dand, C. L. R. Bocher, A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. L. Sim, G. R. More, W. Woodward, G. J. Jones, B. D. Evans and G. B. Vallack.

The second match with the Army will be played on Friday, the 27th inst., at the same time and place, after which the Shield will be presented to the winning team.

W. H. Bourne and Miss Ridge -15 v. Col. Russell Brown and Mrs. Russell -3/8.

M. M. Watson and Mrs. T. G. Bennett +15 by.

O. C. Womack and Mrs. Womack +3/8 by.

W. Ironside and Mrs. Ironside +3/8 by.

TURF TOPICS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR STEWARDS TO CONSIDER.

[BY ARBUS.]

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES DISCUSSED.

The annual race meeting, from a financial point of view, must have created a record. And now that the Jockey Club has money to spend, doubtless the wants of these mainly responsible for the success of racing in Hongkong will be entered for.

First and foremost come the gentlemen riders, without whom there would be no meeting. Shanghai riders complain that the dressing room is cheerless and drafty and contains no accommodation for those who wish to lie back after a hard race and relax their muscles before their next effort. Their grievance is a just one and, as it is easy to remedy, it has no doubt the Stewards will remove cause for complaint at an early date.

Secondly come public grievances against the dilatory manner in which the totalisator and cash sweeps are conducted. These grievances are also sound, but more difficult to remedy. To a large extent the public themselves are to blame for the tedious delays in the sale of totalisator tickets and in the payment of winners. A very large percentage of punters, in doubt as to what to back, go the round of the sellers to enquire how many tickets are sold on each pony. If they would consider for a moment, they would realize that the information is of little value, either in the members' or in the public enclosure, since the dividends are computed on the total number of tickets sold in the two rings. A totalisator board, registering the number of tickets sold on each horse, would remedy matters, but until the Jockey Club invests in an up-to-date machine delay is difficult to avoid. It has been suggested that rails be placed in front of the ticket sellers so that would-be purchasers could form up in a queue at one end of the building and pass along, after having purchased their tickets. The suggestion has much to recommend it, but I am inclined to think that a good deal of the crowding in the members' enclosure is due to the non-betting element using the passages to exchange social amenities. At any rate, the grand stand was made little use of except during the actual racing.

With regard to delay in paying out winners it must always be remembered that the checking shroff is liable for any error and naturally examines each ticket before handing it over to the paying shroff. The latter again has to count the notes before handing them over. Some delay might be avoided here, if the shroff, when he is told the amount of the dividend, would have the exact amount counted out on his table. For instance, if the dividend was \$8.00 on 120 tickets, he and his clerks would count out 120 lots of \$8.00, so that he would merely have to hand over the requisite number of lots to cover the number of tickets presented by each individual. As matters are now, much time is undoubtedly wasted by abstract calculations on the abacus.

There is, however, little chance for speeding up matters until the totalisator has more accommodation at its disposal. More space and the installation of a totalisator board, registering the number of tickets sold on each pony, are the only real remedies that suggest themselves, in addition to a little more give and take by the betting and non-betting—especially the latter—public.

With regard to the cash sweeps, complaint is made that many were unable to purchase a ticket owing to the crush. This complaint is a little difficult to understand in view of the fact that one can always purchase a ticket for a race or two ahead. What did happen, I believe, on more than one occasion, was that all available tickets were sold out. It is an unusual happening and one that could not have well been foreseen.

The foregoing complaints will doubtless be remedied as far as is feasible.

EASY TO REMEDY.

There is, however, one matter that certainly calls for immediate action. The delay in posting up the number of tickets sold on the starters in each race was severely commented upon by leading public men. There is not the slightest suspicion that anything is "wrong in the State of Denmark," but the public's spoken demand to know the reason why the lists are not posted up within a reasonable time after the bell, stopping the sales, has been rung. The cause of complaint can be removed without much extra trouble or expense.

The Secretary or his representative, within three minutes of the bell being rung, could easily be handed a duplicate copy of the number of the tickets sold in each ring, which might well be handed over to the Judge. It is safe to say that nine times out of ten the bell to stop the sale of tickets is rung as soon as the last competitor has left the paddock, so that there is ample time for the posting of the totalisator sales before the race starts.

With regard to cash sweeps, the sales might well be stopped as soon as the order to mount is given; and, to prevent criticism, the numbers could be drawn in the presence of at least one of the officials, though at all times they have a representative in both rings.

"Incidents" trivial to the man who knows the ins and outs of racing, happened during the meeting, which could scarcely have occurred had the system of checking—suggested above—been in force.

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EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES.

CASE TO PROCEED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. J. R. Wood, Jong Tang Lloyd, Chinese managing-director of the firm of J. T. Lloyd & Co., of No. 21, Wyndham Street, appeared on remand on a charge of embezzling sums totalling \$22,000, belonging to the Company.

At the last hearing an application was made to withdraw the charge, it then being stated that defendant's relatives and friends had repaid the money. On that occasion Mr. Wood directed that the Crown Solicitor be consulted with regard to the application, and the case was adjourned for that purpose.

At the resumed hearing yesterday, an additional charge of embezzlement was preferred against defendant by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence.

His Worship told complainant that he could not allow the case to be withdrawn, and asked him to give evidence when the case came on for hearing.

Complainant said he wished to withdraw the charges, as defendant had compensated him and he wished to have him released, in order that he might help him (complainant) in going through the books of the firm.

Mr. Wood said he could not agree to this course and adjourned the case until Monday afternoon.

PRINCE CHICHIBU.

KING GEORGE'S MESSAGE TO PRINCE HIROHITO.

H.M. the King has caused the following message to be sent to His Imperial Highness the Prince Regent of Japan:—"I am touched by the signal confidence in my country shown by the decision of your Imperial Highness Prince Chichibu to complete his studies here. He will be most cordially welcomed by myself and my people, and his presence here will give fresh proof of the close friendship which unites our nations. (Signed) George R.I."

Prince Chichibu who is 22 and the second son of the Emperor, will be the first member of the ruling family to be educated abroad—a break with centuries of tradition. The Prince Regent of Japan has sent the following telegram to His Majesty the King:—"I feel most grateful to your Majesty for your very kind message concerning the proposed sojourn in your country of my brother Prince Chichibu. It is my earnest desire that his presence here will prove contributory to the furtherance of the friendly relations between our nations. (Signed) Hirohito."

WINNING OWNERS.

Below will be found an "audited" list of winning owners and riders during the annual meeting.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Mr. John Peel	8	4	5
Mr. Dynasty	7	8	8
Messrs. Dyer and Beith	6	6	2
Messrs. Toog & Priestley	6	1	1
Sir Paul	4	1	5
Mr. Carrall	3	5	2
Mr. Drysdale	1	2	3
Mr. Taggart	1	2	2
Mr. Sha	1	2	1
Mrs. Birkett	1	1	1
Mr. Fate	1	0	2
Mr. Belyon	1	0	2
Dr. F. H. Kew	1	0	2
Messrs. Dunbar	1	0	0
Stanton	1	0	0
Mr. Tails	1	0	0
Messrs. Potts and	1	0	0
Croucher	1	0	0
Messrs. Tester and	1	0	0
Abraham	1	0	0
Mr. Nemas	1	0	0
Mr. H. Birkett	1	0	0
Mr. Odell	0	2	2
Mr. Wayfoong	0	2	0
Mr. Rods	0	1	3
Mr. Bagram	0	1	2
Mr. Ferndul	0	1	1
Mr. Mackie	0	1	1
Mr. A. A. Alves	0	1	1
Sir E. Stubbs	0	1	0
Mr. Aitch Aitch	0	1	0
Capt. Neville	0	0	1

WINNING JOCKEYS.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Mr. Maitland	10	4	3
Mr. Heard	7	8	6
Lt.-Col. Thompson	6	7	2
Mr. Moller	6	2	9
Mr. Crokam	6	0	1
Mr. McEain	4	4	2
Mr. Harriman	2	0	2
Mr. Buck	2	0	0
Mr. Haimovitch	1	6	3
Mr. Doyle	1	2	0
Mr. Gibson	1	1	3
Mr. Encarnacao	1	1	2
Mr. Zelensky	1	1	1
Mr. Pollock	1	0	1
Mr. Sewell	0	1	0
Mr. Davies	0	0	4
Mr. Potts	0	0	2
Capt. Oaxspring	0	0	1

Note.—In the case of a dead heat, each rider is credited with a win. In consequence the table shows 47 wins against 43 seconds and 45 thirds in a total of 135 races.

RENTS ORDINANCE.

TENANTS' PROTECTIVE ASSN.
PETITION GOVERNOR.

ONE YEAR'S EXTENSION ASKED.

The Hongkong Tenants' Protective Association, of No. 127, Wellington Street, Victoria, through Mr. Wong Kam Ying and Mr. Ho Tin Chi (Chairman and Vice-Chairman), on February 19th sent a petition to His Excellency the Governor, asking that the Rents Ordinance be extended for one year from July 1st.

In support of the petition, a schedule is forwarded showing the difference between rent for old and rebuilt premises, thirty six specific examples being cited.

The body of the petition reads:—

1.—That your petitioners are the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Hongkong Tenants' Protective Association which has 7,000 members who are representative of upwards of 100,000 residents of Hongkong.

2.—That your petitioners have during the past 4 years been in close touch with the housing conditions in Hongkong and in particular the conditions of the Chinese shopkeepers and the working and coolie classes.

3.—That since the Rents Ordinance has been on the Statute Book, a number of houses have been pulled down and reconstructed: such reconstructed houses exempt from the provisions of the Rents Ordinance.

4.—That many landlords have increased the rent of reconstructed houses by several hundred per cent.; and that some examples of the difference between the standard rent of houses governed by the Rents Ordinance and the rent obtained in respect of adjacent houses that are exempted from the Rents Ordinance are shown in the Schedule of this Petition.

5.—That if the Rents Ordinance be not extended it may confidently be anticipated that the owners of old houses will increase their rents to approximately the same amount as the owners of the reconstructed houses and new houses and that tenants of the labouring class whose wages are low will be given notice to quit and will be forced to attempt to seek other accommodation and that at the present time there is not sufficient alternative accommodation available.

6.—That at the present time and for many years past coolies and others belonging to the same trades are residing and have resided in particular areas which are conveniently situated for their respective occupations; for example, coolies and coal stevedores reside in Wanchai; and cargo coolies engaged at the West Point Godowns reside in First, Second and Third Streets. That such coolies cannot afford to pay rents increased to the extent shown in the said schedule and that consequently they will be forced to attempt to find other accommodation or to increase the already large number of homeless persons who sleep in the streets.

7.—That by driving the various coolies out of their present places of residence which are adjacent to their respective occupations great inconvenience will be caused to the coolies themselves, to their employers and in particular to the shipping community for the reason that it will not be so easy to muster labour promptly when required.

8.—That inconvenience of the character indicated has already occurred in the case of Upper Rutter Street and Rutter Street, the houses in which streets were tenanted almost entirely by night soil coolies. That these houses were demolished and rebuilt and the rents increased from about \$10 per month per flat to about \$70 per month per flat; and, seeing that such new rents were more than such coolies could pay, the Government has provided a temporary match for them to live in.

9.—That owing to the unsettled state of China for many years past, there are periodical streams of refugees into Hongkong, whose influx into this Colony renders continued rent restriction necessary in the interests of those who are wage earners or traders in the Colony.

10.—That Chinese shops are now (as a general rule) paying as high rents as their respective businesses warrant and that it would be fatal to many of them and to their present business connections if the landlords were given power to increase rents and to evict tenants.

11.—That if the Rents Ordinance be not extended a general rise in rents will occur which will be followed by an immediate increase in the price of provisions and other necessities and in the cost of commodities sold in the Chinese shops, and generally will increase the cost of living to all classes and races, which increase will bear especially heavily upon the working classes.

12.—That this petition has been drawn up at the express wish of the members of the Hongkong Tenants' Protective Association and that such members and others have signed or chopped a petition in Chinese which will be presented to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs at an early date.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that His Excellency the Governor and the several Members of the Legislative Council will be pleased to pass a resolution extending the duration of the Rents Ordinance, 1922 (No. 14 of 1922), for the term of one year in pursuance of the powers in the Legislative Council vested by Section 10 of the said Ordinance.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

SOLDIER IN TROUBLE.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST
GUNNER.

The case against Gunner James Element, 25, who is charged with having committed a serious assault on a Chinese girl on January 7th, was opened yesterday before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. H. S. Fitzroy appeared for the defendant.

The case, as outlined by Mr. Hazlerigg, was that the alleged offence took place about 100 yards from Victoria Road on a gun track. The girl, who was eleven years old, was returning from school accompanied by her younger brother in a ricksha. A European stopped the ricksha and dragged her up into the woods where it was alleged that the offence was committed.

At a subsequent identification parade two soldiers other than the accused were picked out, but afterwards another soldier made a statement to the police, following which Gunner Element was arrested.

Evidence was given by Gunner Flack, a man who said he was with prisoner when the latter stopped the ricksha, but left him when he took the girl into the wood. Element accompanied him to the Police Station and told him what story to tell to the Inspector. Element threatened to "own" him if he did not tell that story. Later he told the police all he knew of the matter.

His Lordship adjourned the case until this morning.

SERIES OF ARMS CASES.

As a sequel to the discovery of a revolver and six cartridges concealed in the bottom of a basket, Chan Lam Sau appeared before the Police Judge (Mr. Justice (Gompertz)) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Evidence was given by a Chinese Revenue officer, who stated that he saw prisoner leaving a junk passenger boat carrying a basket in his hand. He went up to prisoner and searched the basket, which he found had a false bottom, in which the revolver and cartridges were concealed. Prisoner's defence was that he was given the basket to carry by his employer, who ran away when he saw him being searched.

His Lordship sentenced prisoner to five years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Leung Pui pleaded guilty to a charge of having in his possession a loaded revolver, and was sentenced to a term of seven years' imprisonment with hard labour.

For being in possession of a revolver and three cartridges, Chan On, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour.

When Tse Fuk Po was charged with having a dagger in his possession, Mr. T. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, said that when prisoner was stopped by the police he struggled, got free and ran away. One of the constables saw him about to draw something from his clothing and immediately shot him in the thigh. A knife and sheath were found in his possession.

His Lordship sentenced prisoner to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Ho Chun and Kwai Chiu, two members of a gang who terrorised the inmates of a house at Yaumati, locked them into a cubicle and stole a quantity of jewellery, were charged with robbery with violence. One of the prisoners was recognised by one of the inmates of the house while walking in the street, and a Chinese detective, who was near at the time, effected his arrest. This led to the arrest of a second man, but no other members of the gang were traced.

His Lordship sentenced both defendants, who pleaded guilty, to seven years' imprisonment with hard labour, and said he would have ordered the "cat" had it not been for the fact that prisoners had endeavoured to assist the police in the search for the other members of the gang.

SEWING MACHINES STOLEN.

Li Lam was charged with stealing seven sewing machines from the Wing On Factory at Causeway Bay on January 16th.

Mr. H. K. Holmes said the case was simplified somewhat because prisoner had given evidence at the Magistrate's Court, and had said that while he did not actually steal the machines, he was present and received the stolen goods. The price of each machine was \$100.

His Lordship imposed a sentence of three years' hard labour.

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GAMBLING RAID SEQUEL.
ENQUIRY INTO DEATH OF A
CHINESE.

During a gambling raid carried out by the police at No. 53, Aberdeen Street, on February 19th, a Chinese aged about 39, fell from the verandah outside the second floor of the house to the street below, receiving a fractured skull, as a result of which he died the next day in the Government Civil Hospital.

His death was the subject of an enquiry held by Mr. J. R. Wood and a jury at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The jury consisted of Messrs. D. E. Clark, O.E. Raven and E.M.H. Castro.

Detective-Sergeant W. Chesterwood gave evidence to the effect that about 6-15 p.m. on February 19th, he took a party of four Chinese constables to No. 53, Aberdeen Street. On going up to the second floor he saw 20-30 men around a table. The men did not notice the presence of the police immediately, but after a minute or two someone called out in Chinese a word meaning "raid." Witness called out "don't move."

A general stampede ensued, the men in the room making a dash for the verandah windows. Witness went out to the balcony to pull the Chinese back and saw the deceased edging his way along the verandah. The man climbed over the rail and then fell into the street, where witness found him and arranged for his removal by ambulance to the hospital. When witness examined the place from where the deceased fell, he found a loose tile had broken away. No violence was used by him or the constables toward the men in the room, and no revolvers were drawn. Thirteen arrests were made, and about fifteen men escaped.

A Chinese Constable, who formed one of the raiding party, corroborating Detective-Sergeant Chesterwood's evidence, stated there were about 40 men in the room when the police entered, and when the stampede took place about 20 men made a dash for the verandah.

The jury found that death was due to a fractured skull, an injury attendant on the raid, and that the man's death was accidental. There was no negligence on the part of the police concerned.

WOMAN ATTACKED AND ROBBED.

Chan Lok and Li Mun were charged with robbery.

Mr. Holmes, outlining the case, said that on January 25th, three men attacked a woman at the junction of Chatham Road and Middle Road, near Signal Hill, at noon, and robbed her of two bangles and four rings. The woman lived in a shed near the railway. One man seized her by the neck and held her mouth, while the others robbed her. She managed to scream and two men came to her assistance from the shed. Her assailants ran off and were pursued by the two men into Nathan Road.

A Mr. Gomes was waiting for a bus in Nathan Road, and saw the first prisoner hide something behind a wall. Mr. Gomes ran after him, and caught him. He took prisoner back to the wall, and here the bangles were found. The other man was arrested later.

Evidence bearing this out was called, and first prisoner admitted that he held the woman while a man named Ip Koo snatched the bangles. The second prisoner, he said, had nothing whatever to do with the snatching. The police told him that he must get Ip Koo, and as he could not find him he took them to Li Mun, who had done him a wrong.

The second accused said he had known Chan Lok for a year, and knew he often went out to do things which were unlawful, and he had advised him not to do them. Therefore, first prisoner did not like him, and they were not on speaking terms. Having got into trouble himself Chan brought the police to his house.

Here prisoner said he was beaten by various policemen at the Station, and forced to say he had snatched the bangles. Prisoner persisted in this story, although it was denied by the police, and His Lordship said he would be glad if the Crown would arrange for the officer on duty on the night in question to attend the Court. He did not like to dispose of the case until this point was cleared up.

He would adjourn the case until this morning.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

Tsui Pui was charged with assaulting a girl at Shaukiwan on January 28th, with intent to rob her.

Mr. Holmes said that on the evening of January 28th, the girl in question left home to go to a shop. She was returning home when prisoner seized her and attempted to steal her bangles. She resisted and he produced a knife and threatened to stab her. The girl immediately cried out, and her father came on the scene, and prisoner ran away. Her father gave chase, and found the man crouching behind a junk in a boat-maker's yard, and had him arrested.

Prisoner denied the charge. The jury retired at 4.55, and at 5.15 returned to find prisoner guilty, and His Lordship passed sentence of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ST. PAUL'S PRESERVATION
FUND.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR,—The attached extract from a Straits paper, interesting in itself, is still more interesting as a comparison of the difference between Singapore and Hongkong.

Apart from the highly commendable action of the A.D.C. in giving a special performance for the purpose of raising funds, and one or two perfunctory references to the subject in the Press, as far as one knows, or can judge, Hongkong takes not the slightest interest in whether St. Paul's stands or collapses. To those who know the spirit that prevails in, and dominates, Hongkong, it will be no surprise to see, when the list of responses made to the appeal of the Dean and Chapter is published, that Hongkong's name appears at the bottom of the list among "The following small sums were also contributed."

Could not the newspapers here start a fund for, say, five dollar subscriptions from individuals, at the same time appealing to the large firms, who regularly put away their spare dollars to various reserve funds, etc., every year, to come forward generously. In any case a few thousand dollars from the hoarded balances of the Government should certainly be forthcoming.—Yours faithfully,

J. C.

Hongkong, February 23rd.
[The paragraph which accompanies the letter reads as follows:—

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL FUND.

Up to yesterday the total amount received by Reuter's agent in Singapore for funds to preserve St. Paul's Cathedral amounted to \$23,354.50. The Government of the Straits Settlements contributed \$20,000. We have ourselves made the suggestion that there should be a representative Committee in Hongkong, similar to that which has been formed in Shanghai, to assist this appeal.—Ed.]

A GAMBLING RAID.

TWELVE PEOPLE CHARGED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. J. R. Wood, eleven Chinese men and one Chinese woman were charged with participating in a gambling school at No. 523, Queen's Road West, where they were arrested in the course of a raid carried out by the police under warrant. The woman, who is the licensee of the premises, together with one of the men, was further charged with keeping a gaming house.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence. A Chinese detective stated that he raided the premises on a warrant and arrested ten persons, the eleventh and twelfth manning to get away. These two were also arrested when they came to claim their coats later at the Police Station.

In regard to these two men, Mr. Lo asked for their discharge, as he claimed that they had no part in the alleged gambling. They were on another floor of the premises at the time, and when they found that their coats had been removed by the police along with those of the arrested persons, they went to the station to recover their property. They were then arrested.

Mr. Lo submitted that if, after taking the evidence, it was found that they did not take part in the gambling he would take action against the police on certain lines, and he said he had already informed the sergeant in charge of the case to that effect.

The hearing was adjourned until next Thursday, the men being allowed bail in \$20 each, and the woman defendant in security of \$500.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour for having returned from banishment without permission was passed on a Chinese coolie by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. S. B. B. McDermott, a young Chinese was charged with being in possession of arms on board the s.s. Shing On. He was committed for trial at the March Criminal Sessions.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese Sanitary motor driver was charged with having driven a motor lorry recklessly in Kowloon City Road on Saturday. The prosecution asserted that so fast was defendant's driving that, after overtaking three buses, he lost control of the steering wheel and crashed into a verandah pillar. Two coolies were injured, one of whom was riding on the lorry. Defendant was remanded until Thursday.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. S. B. B. McDermott, a Chinese boy was charged at the instance of Mr. John Arnold, with playing football, and thereby causing obstruction, in Pokfulam Road on Saturday. Mr. Arnold said he was driving along this road in a car, during the afternoon, to Hongkong. Opposite the University there were boys playing football and obstructing the roadway. He caused one boy and caught him. The defendant was fined \$2, and cautioned by His Worship, who said he might have been killed himself, and might have caused the death or injury of other people.



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MR. W. G. E. WILSON, Member, will read a Paper on "Some Notes and Experiences with the Steam Locomotive Diesel Engine" on MONDAY, 2nd MARCH, at 9.15 a.m.

Members and their Friends are cordially invited to be present.

W. BROWN,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

FIFTH ANNUAL DINNER.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER of the Association, Accompanied by a CONCERT, will take place on SATURDAY, the 7th of MARCH, 1925, at 7 p.m., in the Hall of the College. To encourage attendance, the General Committee has fixed a minimum charge of \$2.00 (wines inclusive), but Members are requested to make, if possible, an extra contribution to defray the expenses of the entertainment. The number of guests to be invited by Members is limited to fifty at \$10.00 per cover. Subscriptions are to be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, LAITIM TO, Esq., c/o THE OVERSEA-CHINESE CO., Bank of Canton Building.

On SATURDAY, the 25th of FEBRUARY at 3.30 p.m., the ANNUAL FOOTBALL MATCH—College versus Association—will take place on the College Ground at Causeway Bay, where Members and their Friends will be welcomed with tea and refreshments. It is earnestly hoped that a large number will be present.

By Order of the General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON,
c/o Messrs. LITTLE, ADAMS & WOOD.

GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS FOR SPECIE AND MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the Local Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of £20,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, until 11 o'clock a.m., on the 24th FEBRUARY, 1925.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and in Sealed Covers, addressed to the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Act 22 George III, Cap. 40 and 41; George III, Cap. 52, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills).

The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity made for the general benefit of the Company.

R. A. DOBBS, Esq.,
Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.C.
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1925. [1906]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "ASTYANAX" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 22nd February.

Optional Cargo will be landed unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd March, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwritten on or before the 10th March, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1925. [1904]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "AUTOLYCHUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf.

The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 20th February.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th February, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwritten on or before the 12th March, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1925. [1902]

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1925, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1924, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th FEBRUARY, 1925, until THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th February, 1925. [1847]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 2nd MARCH, 1925, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1924, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, 1925, until TUESDAY, the 3rd MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Prospectus dated the 5th day of JANUARY, 1925, a Copy of which has been filed with the Registrar of Companies inviting Subscriptions at a rate of 25,000 Shares of \$10 each payable as to \$2.50 per Share on Application \$2.50 per Share on allotment and as to balance on subsequent demand as and when further Capital is required subject to the assurance that no call will be made without at least One Month's prior Notice.

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Copies of the Prospectus and Forms of Application can be obtained from the Company's Bankers THE P. & O. BANKING CORPORATION, Ltd., and from the Registered Office of the Company in CHINA BUILDING (7th floor), Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

This Notice is not to be regarded as an invitation to the Public to subscribe for Shares and Applications will only be received on the footing of the full Prospectus and on the Form issued therewith.

Dated Hongkong, 20th February, 1925.
A. BRNEMERITO,
Secretary.
7th floor, China Building,
Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "KASHGAR."

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 20th FEBRUARY, 1925.
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORTSAID, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before Arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the free storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwritten on or before the 10th March, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1925. [1898]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "SOUDAN."

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 20th FEBRUARY, 1925.
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf ex B.L.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the free storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwritten on or before the 13th March, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1925. [1893]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the year ending 31st December, 1924, at the Rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 25th FEBRUARY, 1925, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1925. [1901]

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1924.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1925, to TUESDAY, MARCH 3rd, 1925, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. GRAFELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, February 12th, 1925. [1894]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 5th MARCH, 1925. ENTRIES will be DEFINITELY CLOSED at 1 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1925, at the Hon. Secretary's Office. But intending Exhibitors are Requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN SENT TO PATRONS, LIFE MEMBERS AND ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

MEMBERS who have Not Yet Paid their Subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to Join the SOCIETY are kindly Requested to Send \$5 IMMEDIATELY to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. [1893]

ANNUAL NAVAL CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following Contracts, viz:
Supply of Timber and Timber Materials.
Upstairing Work.
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Repairing Clocks, Watches and Stop Watches.
Supply and Repair of Bamboo Sunblinds.
Supply of India Rubber Boots.
Supply of Oxygen Gas.
Supply of Acetylene Gas.

The Contracts Commence on 1st APRIL, 1925, and Expire on the 31st MARCH, 1926.

Forms of Tender may be obtained on Application to the NAVAL STORE OFFICER, H.M. NAVAL YARD, by whom Tenders will be received until Noon on WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH, 1925.

The right is reserved of rejecting all or any Tenders, and of accepting any portion of a Tender.

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LOST, between Peak Hotel and Magazine Gap, Small GOLD WRIST WATCH marked ASKEY on Dial. If found, Please Return to 517, Peak.

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BIRTHS.

McMILLAN.—At Chefoo, on February 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. R. McMILLAN, a daughter.

STREHLER.—At Shanghai, on February 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. STREHLER, a daughter, Vivian Lily.

DEATH.

DOWSON.—At Shanghai, on February 17th, MARGARET DOWSON, late Master, s.s. Loonyun, Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 24th, 1925.

THE TEMPTATION OF JAPAN?

THE interesting cable from Paris yesterday telling us that French policy in the Pacific is being much discussed and that Anglo-French co-operation has been strongly urged by M. JACQUES BARDOUX in *Le Temps* and in a public speech by M. ALBERT SARRAUT (former Governor-General of Indo-China and afterwards Minister of the Colonies) tends us to wonder what has become of the "Quadruple Alliance" arranged at the Washington Conference little more than four years ago. We are told that the main purpose of the co-operation advocated in France is to detach Japan from "the formidable coalition" in which Russia is said to be aiming and in which Germany is said to be already involved. It is difficult for anyone, acquainted with the history of Japanese diplomacy in the last quarter of a century to conceive the possibility of such a volte face on the part of Japan as that predicated by the advocates of an Anglo-French co-operation such as will give Japan assurances that will deter her from committing herself too far in association with Russia and thereafter with Germany. What possible need can Japan have of other assurances than those contained in the "Four Power Treaty"? It surely cannot have been forgotten by the advocates of this Anglo-French co-operation that the United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan "with a view to the preservation of the general peace and the maintenance of their rights in relation to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the regions of the

Pacific Ocean" determined to conclude a very important treaty to this effect. True, it was in the nature of a self-denying ordinance, a primary object of this Treaty being to make the continuance of the Anglo-Japanese Treaty of Alliance unnecessary. The late Senator LODGE, who took a leading part in the promotion of this Quadruple Alliance, said in the course of an address when he made public the draft of the Treaty: "To put it in a few words, the Treaty provides that the four signatory Powers will agree between themselves in regard to their insular possessions and dominions in the regions of the Pacific and that if any controversy should arise as to such rights all the high contracting parties shall be invited to a joint conference looking to the adjustment of such controversy. They agree to take similar action in the case of aggression by any other Power upon these insular possessions or dominions." In the further course of his comments Senator LODGE remarked: "There is no provision for the use of force to carry out any of the terms of the Agreement, and no military or naval stations lurk anywhere in the background or under cover of these plain and direct clauses. The surest way to prevent war is to remove the cause of war." But the Treaty, nevertheless, does not expressly deny to these four Powers the right to defend by force the territories of any of them which are menaced by the aggression of another Power. The text of the clause bearing on this contingency reads: "If the said rights are threatened by the aggressive action of any other Power, the high contracting parties shall communicate with one another fully and frankly in order to arrive at an understanding as to the most efficient measures to be jointly or separately taken to meet the particular situation." What further assurances of co-operation Japan stands in need of we cannot conceive. Not only is British and French co-operation assured by this Treaty but that of the United States as well; and Japan is equally a party to the Agreement.

A Chinese was discovered in the harbour, near the Star Ferry Wharf, on Sunday, apparently attempting to commit suicide.

The engagement is announced between Captain R. S. Hey, 2/4th Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.), and Anne Dennis, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland H. N. Wade, Chinese Maritime Customs.

There will be a Musicale at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, February 26th, at 5.30 p.m. Tea served from 4.30. Tickets, for members and their friends, 50 cents each, to be obtained from the Secretary.—ADVT.

In the harbour early yesterday afternoon a trading junk loaded with a cargo of paper was overturned by a blast of wind, the whole cargo being thrown into the water and most of it being completely spoiled. The people on board the junk escaped with a wetting.

Captain C. E. Purvis-Kennedy, appointed to the command of the cruiser *Diomedé*, got his pennant in December, 1921, and the *Diomedé* is his first sea-going billet since his promotion. He was latterly employed with the Wireless Board in the capacity of Naval Member.

A Chinese man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital on Sunday suffering from injuries to his nose and forehead, caused by falling, or jumping from the first floor of a house into the backyard at the rear of the Mongkok Police Station, while being pursued by the police after breaking into a dwelling house.

We note in a Shanghai paper a Hongkong cable which is headed: "Shanghai Residents Win Hundred Thousand Dollars" in a Hongkong Derby Sweep. It reads: "The Honourable Judge Chow Houson and Mr. F. W. Sutterle, of Shanghai, have jointly won the South China Athletic Association's Derby Sweep of over \$100,000."

While on duty in Hollywood Road on Sunday night, a Chinese detective noticed a man behaving in a suspicious manner. On stopping him and searching him, the officer found in the man's possession a revolver and a few rounds of ammunition. The man was arrested, and another Chinese in his company was also taken into custody.

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on January 23rd: Lieutenants—V. F. Boyle, to *Carlisle*, and T. E. B. Manders, to *Diomedé*, from date of joining (undated). Lieut. Commander (E.)—V. J. H. E. Sankey, to *Tamper*, addl. (February 10th); and for Hongkong Dockyard, as Assistant to Chief Engineer, and for Torpedo Depot (from date of joining).

"At today's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Dr. W. V. M. Koch will move the following resolution: In view of the steady persistence of typhoid fever in the Colony, and of the fact that no investigation of the source of the infection has thus far been undertaken, this Board respectfully urges the Government to solicit the assistance of the Public Health experts attached to the Naval and Military service to undertake such investigation, or alternatively to apply to the Rockefeller Institute for the service of an expert to undertake such investigation."

Captain Cyril T. Williams, C.B.E., who has just retired from the East Surrey Regiment, taking a gratuity, has been given the rank of major, which he temporarily held during part of the late war. He was latterly with the 1st Battalion here. Major Williams was commissioned as a temporary officer in October, 1914, in the 10th Service Battalion of the East Surreys, in which he became a captain in 1915. He received his direct line captaincy in the East Surrey Regiment in 1917, and held the temporary rank of major for some time while with the 16th Battalion.

SALE OF CROWN LAND.

At the P.W.D. offices yesterday afternoon, two lots of Crown Land were disposed of. New Kowloon Inland Lot 901, situate at Sham-shui-poi, with an area of 1,725 square feet, was sold at the upset premium of \$5,175 to Mr. Lo Pui lin, who attended for Mr. Fung Chung Tong.

New Kowloon Inland Lot 971, situate at Cheung Sha Wan, with an area of 24,750 square feet, was knocked down at the upset price of \$12,560 to Mr. Li Ping.

PROPERTY SALE.

Valuable Leasehold property was sold by order of the Mortgagees by auction by Mr. A. G. De Rocha, yesterday afternoon. Put up at an initial figure of \$8,000, the remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 69, together with buildings thereon, known as No. 27, Tsung San Lane West, was knocked down to The Hing Fat Co., Ltd., for \$9,400.

5/2ND PUNJABIS.

The 5/2nd Punjab Regiment who are to relieve the 2/4th Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.), disembarked from the troopship *Derbyshire* at Kowloon yesterday morning.

The British officers at present on the strength of the battalion are—Lt. Col. C. McG. Withers (commanding), Majors V. Coates, F. L. Gorn, C.I.E., O.B.E., P. T. L. Thompson, and C. I. M. Smith, Captains M. Middleton, J. M. Hunt, R. A. Slater, M.C., C. H. D. O'Callaghan, T. C. T. Ricketts, F. G. Bevis, F. M. D. Davell, O.B.E., R. M. Lunt, and M. G. O'Leary, M.B.E., and Lieutenants H. J. Hawthorn, G. M. S. Webb and C. V. King.

JUNKS IN COLLISION.

CHINESE MASTER'S STORY.

The owner of a junk which on Friday night was anchored at Tai Nua Chung, between Capsaimun and Castle Peak Bay, states that while he was asleep on that night, a launch towing two cargo junks ran him down, covering the part of the junk where he was sleeping, damage being done to the extent of \$300 and property valued at \$150 being lost in the water. He further alleges that when he lowered a sampson, in an endeavour to get the number of the launch, he was fired at. He, however, saw the number of one of the junks and has reported the matter to the Harbour Office.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

"STATE SOCIALISM."

TRADE UNION DELEGATES ON SOVIET SYSTEM.

LONDON, February 23rd.

"It is not suggested the entire Soviet system would be applicable to this country," is one of the main conclusions in the Report of the Trade Union delegates, who went to Russia on December 20th. Advance extracts of the Report have been published in the newspapers. The delegates state it is obvious that the political system, which amounts to denial in principle of individual political liberty; and, in practice, to complete control not merely of the Press, Platform and Political machinery, but of schools, universities and the army, can only justify itself by results. They add as in the case of other creeds, which were originally of Communist character, the Russian system has arrived by way of complicated compromises at a condition that is not Communism but better describable as State Socialism or State Capitalism.

With reference to the army training, the delegates emphasize that the emotional appeal to recruits, as made to proletarian solidarity not to patriotism, seems a more effective stimulant to military enthusiasm and efficiency. The report declares that Russian industry is starving for capital; and the opinion is given that foreign capital invested should give a good return.

"A NOBLE ASPIRATION."

"TIMES" COMMENT ON OPIUM PROTOCOL.

LONDON, February 23rd.

The *Times*, after regretting the withdrawal of the American and Chinese delegations from the Opium Conference, says no commodity is more easily smuggled than narcotics and in view of the inability of China to prevent the export, the resolutions of the Opium Protocol signed at Geneva amount to little more than a noble aspiration. But the Opium Convention, which was signed by all countries except the United States, holds real promise of establishing effective control in the use of manufactured drugs. Great credit is due to all who helped to produce it.

SINCLAIR OIL COMPANY.

MOSCOW DISTRICT COURT MAY REVOKE CONTRACT.

MOSCOW, February 23rd.

The Rosta Agency states that, owing to the conditions of the grant for oil concession in North Saghalien, made in 1922, the Chief of the Concessions Committee has submitted to the Moscow District Court the question of revoking the contract.

In an interview, the Chairman of Committee declared that, despite repeated warnings, work of exploration had not yet begun in the concessions district. The Sinclair Company was given six months' notice in May, 1924, but took no action.

POLISH SUGAR INDUSTRY.

BRITISH OVERSEAS BANK GRANT LOAN.

WARSAW, February 23rd.

Conferences between Mr. Arthur Gardiner, representing the British Overseas Bank, and representatives of the Union of Polish Sugar Manufacturers, at which the Polish Premier, Mr. Grabski was present, resulted in an agreement in regard to a loan of £2,000,000 to the Polish sugar industry at 10 per cent. redeemable in 2 years. The same British group is buying up 60 per cent. of the shares of the Anglo-Polish Bank at Warsaw, to which the exclusive rights to represent the Union of Polish Sugar Manufacturers will be transferred.

AMERICAN FLEET'S TOUR.

AUSTRALIA PREPARES WELCOME FOR VISITORS.

MELBOURNE, February 23rd.

In the absence of any official communication from the United States, the Prime Minister of Australia (the Rt. Hon. Mr. Stanley M. Bruce) is asking Washington for the itinerary of the forthcoming visit of the American fleet to Australia. It is expected the Federal Government will spend £20,000 in preparations to welcome the American visitors.

LATEST CABLES.

WEMBLEY EXHIBITION.

STATEMENT OF LAST YEAR'S FINANCIAL RESULTS.

PROSPECTS THIS YEAR.

LONDON, February 23rd.

The financial results of the British Empire Exhibition, at Wembley, are outlined in an official memorandum, showing, at the close of the Exhibition last year an expenditure of £3,900,000, against receipts of £2,100,000.

Lloyds Bank advanced to the Exhibition authorities £1,500,000 while there is also a liability of £150,000 for the balance of entertainments and duty on admissions to the Exhibition.

The Guarantee Fund is £1,207,000, including £100,000 from Government for which it is agreed a Bill will be submitted to Parliament raising the Exchequer guarantee to £1,100,000 provided sufficient support from the Dominions, the Colonies and from exhibitors is secured to ensure a satisfactory Exhibition in 1925 and other guarantors consent to the continuance of the guarantee.

Government has also requested that measures should be adopted to strengthen the financial administration of the Exhibition.

M.C.C. IN AUSTRALIA.

MAGNIFICENT INNINGS BY HENDREN AT SYDNEY.

SYDNEY, February 23rd.

In glorious weather, on a good wicket, and before a crowd of 1,000, the match between the M.C.C. and New South Wales was resumed to-day.

The first innings of the M.C.C. reached 238. The visitors had batted for 7 hours and 21 minutes.

Hendren scored a magnificent 168 without a chance. He was at the wickets 3 hours and 12 minutes, and obtained 14 four. He received an ovation on returning to the pavilion.

Chapman scored 28 and Whysall 20. Kippax obtained 4 wickets for 46, and Mailey 2 for 153.

New South Wales have scored 184 for the loss of one wicket, Collins being not out 101.

EARLIER CABLES.

MISSING MAJOR.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL WOOD'S SON STILL LOST.

PARIS, February 22nd.

The *Chicago Tribune* learns that Major Wood, son of Governor-General Wood, whose whereabouts had been causing anxiety, is at present staying with American friends at Biarritz.

LATEST CABLES.

SEARCH IS FRUITLESS.

PARIS, February 23rd.

The New York *Herald* states efforts to trace Major Wood at Biarritz have failed, although he has many friends there.

EARLIER CABLES.

MURDER OF SIRDAR.

EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS UNDER SUSPICION.

CAIRO, February 22nd.

Examination of the arrested students (Abdel Hamid Anayet and his brother, Abdel Fattah Anayet), suspected in connection with the murder of the Sirdar has disclosed that the same gang was some time ago practising bombing in the shelter of the Pyramids, when one was accidentally killed.

He was buried in the desert by his companions. The deceased's mother was heavily bribed to keep silence, but she now corroborates the story, and the police are searching for the body.

COMMUNIST OUTRAGES.

ALLEGED CONFESSIONS TO POLICE IN BULGARIA.

SOFIA, February 22nd.

It is reported that as a result of official investigations in connection with the recent outrages in Bulgaria, the existence of a Communist *cheta* was discovered in Sofia, which condemned persons to death, the sentences being carried out by means of terrorism.

The President of the *cheta*, and a man named Petkonopetoff (alleged to be connected with agrarian Communist abroad) have been arrested, and they have fully confessed.

EARLIER CABLES.

H.M. THE KING.

MEDICAL MEN RECOMMEND YACHTING CRUISE.

LONDON, February 23rd.

His Majesty King George's three medical attendants, who paid a lengthy visit to the Palace this evening, issued the following bulletin at eight o'clock:—

"His Majesty the King passed a fair day. There was still a rise in temperature in the evening, but slow progress continues. The onset of influenza is somewhat severe, and the bronchitis is extending to the bases of the lungs—a form of the malady apt to be tedious and resistant. In order to secure a complete restoration of health and fitness, we advise that, when convalescence is reached, His Majesty should proceed to the South of Europe for a cruise in a yacht for a few weeks."

LATEST CABLES.

NO MORNING BULLETIN.

LONDON, February 23rd.

The King's doctors saw His Majesty this morning, but their stay was of the briefest and they decided not to issue a morning bulletin. It is understood the King's temperature is almost normal, but it has been a feature of his illness that a considerable fall of temperature in the daytime has been followed by increases at night.

EARLIER CABLES.

FRANCE AND SOVIET.

RUSSIAN EXPERTS TO EXAMINE FRENCH CLAIMS.

MOSCOW, February 22nd.

Interviewed by the Rosta Agency at Leningrad, M. Kravsin stated that probably next week M. Prokhorovskiy will accompany him to Paris, where they will begin a preliminary examination of the French claims in regard to debts and inform the French experts of the Soviet counter-claims arising from losses owing to foreign intervention in Russia.

The negotiations will be long and difficult. The Soviet, although it has definitely refused to admit the legality of debts contracted under the Tsarist regime, has not refused to come to an arrangement with the bondholders provided the total of Russia's debt is reduced. Even partial compensation to the bondholders depended upon the granting of big long-term loans to Russia. The Soviet would be prepared to come to a definite agreement in regard to debts under certain conditions if financial assistance is received from France sufficiently generous to enable it to spend the surplus on compensation to the bondholders.

ALLEGED GERMAN PLOT.

REPORTED PLANS TO MURDER RUSSIAN LEADERS.

MOSCOW, February 22nd.

The papers state that the three German students, who were arrested on February 18th, are alleged to have confessed that they came to Moscow and definitely intended to murder M. Stalin and M. Trotsky, and that they brought poison and revolvers for the purpose.

OIL FROM RUSSIA.

LONG-TERM CONTRACT WITH BELGIAN COMPANY.

MOSCOW, February 22nd.

It is officially announced that 120,000 tons of oil were exported from Russia during the month of January, principally to Italy, and then to Germany, Egypt, Great Britain and France.

According to the Rosta Agency, a Russian oil syndicate has contracted with a Belgian company for the delivery of 650,000 tons of oil yearly from the Grozny oilfields for a period of five years, beginning in 1926.

LATEST CABLES.

OBITUARY.

SIR CLIFFORD ALLBUTT.

LONDON, February 23rd.

The death is announced of the Rt. Hon. Sir Clifford Allbutt, P.C., K.C.B.

[The late Sir (Thomas) Clifford Allbutt was born on July 28th, 1836. He was educated at St. Peter's, York, and at Caius College, Cambridge, taking a 1st class Natural Science Tripos in 1860. He was Consulting Physician to Leeds General Infirmary, Belgrave Hospital for Children, and King Edward VII. Sanatorium, Midhurst; Physician to Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. He was the author of a number of publications, chiefly medical, and inventor of the short clinical thermometer. He was a Member of the Council of the Royal Society 1866 to 1893 and 1914-1916, being Vice-President during the last named period.]

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

INTERNATIONAL STUDY.

AMERICAN COPPER KING ENDOWS FIFTY FELLOWSHIPS.

NEW YORK, February 23rd.

Mr. Simon Guggenheim, the "Copper King," has established a \$3,000,000 fund to endow fifty fellowships for international study. Similar to the Rhodes scholarships, they will be open to men and women of every race, colour and creed. They will offer the freest, world-wide opportunities to carry on advanced studies in research in any field of knowledge or for the development of unusual talents in any of the Fine Arts, including music. No age limit is prescribed, but appointees will usually be between 24-35 years of age.

Each fellowship approximately will be worth \$500 per annum. The first award of scholarships will be made in the academic year 1926-1927. It is proposed to maintain annually 40 to 50 Fellows abroad.

EARLIER CABLES.

WORLD PEACE.

MR. OWEN YOUNG ON U.S. INCONSISTENCY.

BALTIMORE, February 22nd.

Mr. Owen Young, of Daves plan fame, receiving an honorary degree at the Johns Hopkins University, recalled the thrill felt by the world when the United States first suggested the destruction of some of the implements of warfare as a step to peace.

He declared the next thing that happened was the passage by the American Congress "without careful study, without many facts, without restraint either in word or act," of the immigration bill offensive to the pride and dignity of a great nation in the Pacific with which America had every reason to live in peace. Mr. Young added that the occurrence of the great disaster in Japan served to show unmistakably America's true sentiments towards Japan.

U.S. AIR MAIL.

DIRIGIBLE "LOS ANGELES" DROPS ITS CARGO.

NEW YORK, February 22nd.

The dirigible "Los Angeles" returned to the Lakehurst hangar at midnight from Bermuda, where the mail-bags were dropped in the garden of the Governor's residence at Hamilton.

DUTCH WORLD FLIGHT.

Air Lieutenant G. A. Koppen, one of the best-known instructors at Soesterberg, proposes starting in the Spring of 1926 on a flight to the East and West Indies with a commercial flying boat. A point of serious consideration is whether this flight should be performed in two stages, first the trip via the East Indian Archipelago to Port Darwin, in North America, and then from Amsterdam to North America and the West Indies, or whether it should be made continuous, via the Pacific Ocean. In any case, the five continents will be visited.

If this plan is realized it will differ from the American round-the-world trip in the following details: (1) The trip will be made over five continents, whilst the Americans visited only three; (2) It will be made along the great maritime and commercial routes; (3) The trackless northern regions, where the Americans had to contend with practically insurmountable difficulties, will be avoided. If successful, the flight will therefore be of far greater practical importance.

NEW COMET.

From Germany comes the announcement of the discovery, at the Heidelberg Observatory, of a new comet. The discoverer, Professor Max Wold, who has several cometary discoveries to his credit, found it on a photograph of the region of Aurus near the Pleiades, and subsequent observation showed that it was moving with a very slow motion towards the south-west.

An attempt has been made at Greenwich to obtain a photograph of the comet, but it was not successful, and cloudy skies have prevented further photographs being taken. It has not yet been possible accurately to determine its orbit, but in all probability it is at present at a great distance from the earth, and thus a very faint object. Assuming that it is moving towards the earth and sun, it will brighten up as its distance decreases, but until its elements have been calculated, it is impossible to say whether it is likely to be visible to the naked eye later in the year.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GOLD FRANG ISSUE.

KUOMINTANG PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSED COMPROMISE.

PEKING, February 23rd.

The Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, last evening, issued a manifesto protesting against any compromise in the gold franc case, which, it asserts, the Provisional Government is about to conclude with the French Minister.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

PEKING'S FOREIGN MINISTER.

"SAFE AND EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT" IN OFFICE.

PEKING, February 22nd.

Shen Jui Lin, who has been appointed Foreign Minister *vice* Tang Shao Yi, is looked upon as a safe and experienced diplomat. He has been acting Minister since the present Cabinet was appointed.

REORGANISATION CONFERENCE.

AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT SECOND MEETING.

PEKING, February 22nd.

The second business meeting of the Reorganisation Conference will be held on the 24th inst., when the following agenda will be discussed:—(1) Draft regulations to govern the National Conference; (2) disbandment of superfluous troops; (3) disposal of disbanded men; (4) establishment of precautionary forces or town guards; and (5) opium.

IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

MESSRS. TAKATA AND CO. IN SAD PLIGHT.

TOKYO, February 22nd.

Messrs. Takata and Co., are in financial difficulties due to heavy losses, which are attributed to the 1920 depression, the results of the earthquake, the 1923 depression and to exchange.

The liabilities are stated to exceed Yen 50,000,000, and the assets between Yen 42,000,000 and Yen 43,000,000.

The firm's difficulties are confirmed by a statement that the Government, to whom application had been made to assist the firm, is unable to comply.

Business at present is not suspended, and it is believed that the firm is likely to be reorganised for the purpose of taking over all the assets and liabilities.

The Eiraku Bank, which is a creditor to the extent of Yen 9,000,000, an ounce suspension of payment three weeks from to-day.

Messrs. Takata and Co.'s creditors met this afternoon, headed by the Yokohama Specie Bank, Bank of Chosen, Industrial Bank, besides 12 others, including the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. The first banks were appointed a committee to investigate the position of the firm and to report.

Later.

The affairs of Messrs. Takata and Co., are attracting much attention, pending the decision of the creditor banks. While some advocate assistance from the banks to the firm, a considerable section of business opinion holds the view that matters should take their normal course with a view to strengthening the economic structure of the country.

JAPAN'S SUFFRAGE BILL.

TOKYO, February 22nd.

The Universal Suffrage Bill was handed over to a committee of 36 late last night. The vote is not expected for a week or more.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

SUN YUEH'S MISSION.

DESPATCHED TO HONAN TO QUELL STRIFE.

PEKING, February 22nd.

Mandates have been issued instructing Sun Yueh to proceed to Honan to inspect the troops there, and appoint Yang Shih Yi Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Kiangsu.

Sun Yueh's despatch to Honan is probably another measure intended to quell the strife between Hu Ching Yi and Kan Y. Kan.

CHINESE MILITARY WAYS.

TREACHERY AN AGE-OLD AXIOM.

M. George Soulié de Morant, in the *Mercur de France*, goes back to the Thirteen Books on "The Art of War," written by Sun Wu in the sixth century B.C., for an explanation of the tortuous methods of Chinese warfare which have of late been puzzling Western newspaper readers. He has translated some passages, with commentary:—

Sun Wu's precepts are mixed up higgledy-piggledy, a sentence on one subject being followed by one on an entirely different subject. This is explained by the fact that down to the third century B.C. Chinese books were carved, phrase by phrase, on bamboo laths, and a cart was often necessary to remove one or two books, so that it is not surprising that the sentences should have got mixed up. The sole aim of war, according to Sun Wu, is to achieve peace. Destruction by armies in the field either of enemy property or one's own is looked upon as absurd. "According to all the rules of war, the most important thing is to preserve a State; the least important is to destroy it. The most important thing is to preserve an army; the least important is to destroy it. It is more important to preserve a battalion, a company, a platoon, than to destroy it. That is why a hundred victories in a hundred fights are not the best of all things. It is, indeed, better to become closely allied with a State than to crush it; it pays better to detach an army from the enemy and make use of it, than to destroy it. It is better to acquire the thinnest village than to destroy it. Visible victories are nothing more than what everybody knows (routed troops, dead, fires, pillage, says the commentary). They are not the best of all things. A war is victorious when you are the victor before you have fought a battle. A war is disastrous when you fight before having sought victory."

For those who conduct a war well, overcome the enemy's troops without fighting. They take cities without besieging them. In this way an enemy State is suppressed in a short time. To overcome the enemy without fighting—that is the best of all things in a war.

WARFARE WITHOUT FIGHTING.

Wu shows how warfare may be conducted without fighting. "The doctrine of armies is deception, stratagem. That is why, being strong, you must appear weak; useful, you must appear useless; close at hand, you must appear distant; distant, you must appear close at hand. He who has the advantage must be lured into traps. When the enemy has troubles, profit by them. When he is firm, stand firm, too (commentary: remain on the defensive). When he is stronger, retreat (in order to surprise him in his advance). When there is discontent among the enemy, foment troubles (in order to draw an expected attack). Feign humility in order to encourage pride (imprudent audacity). When the enemy's armies get into touch, divide them. Attack unexpected manner. But above all, in order to gain the victory you should never proclaim it beforehand. For these reasons a whole organisation of espionage and propaganda is required, and Sun Wu devotes a whole book to this subject. He shows the importance of getting hold of countrymen of opposing generals in order to learn details of their characters, their tastes, how they are likely to act, and how pressure may be brought to bear on them. For Generals may have five serious defects: Those who fight to the death can be killed. Those who love life can be taken prisoners. Feign characters can be inflamed by contempt, pure and incorruptible ones by insults and calumnies. Those who love their people can be hurt by ravaging the surrounding country."

COMPLICATED ESPIONAGE.

The espionage is so complicated, and treachery so much a matter of course, that one method described is to spread false news in one's own camp so that spies sent to spy on the enemy and won over by him will spread the false rumours as the truth, in the belief that he is betraying their own side. A really general will create such a fog of uncertainty by means of spies, treachery, and corruption that his opponent is at his mercy, not knowing which way to turn, nor having any trust left in anybody. The warfare of Sun Wu is a game of chess. The chief aim, as M. Soulié de Morant points out, is not so much to know how to handle your own troops as to force the enemy to make certain moves, thanks to which you are able to put him in a disastrous position. It is a case of checkmating swiftly and suddenly, without losing a piece. It is not hard to imagine that Wu P'ei Fu and Chang Tso Lin and Feng Yu-Hsiang, the Christian General, have all been industrious students of this 2,600-year-old military text-book.

A few weeks ago at the Wolseley Works in Birmingham, a Chinese visitor from Singapore, who was discussing the purchase of a new car, incidentally stated that his father purchased the first Wolseley car ever taken into Malaya. As he sat in the car, his father bought a 7-h.p. Wolseley 2-cylinder horizontal when he came over to England for King Edward's Coronation in 1902—it is still running very well, although the engine has a slight knock.

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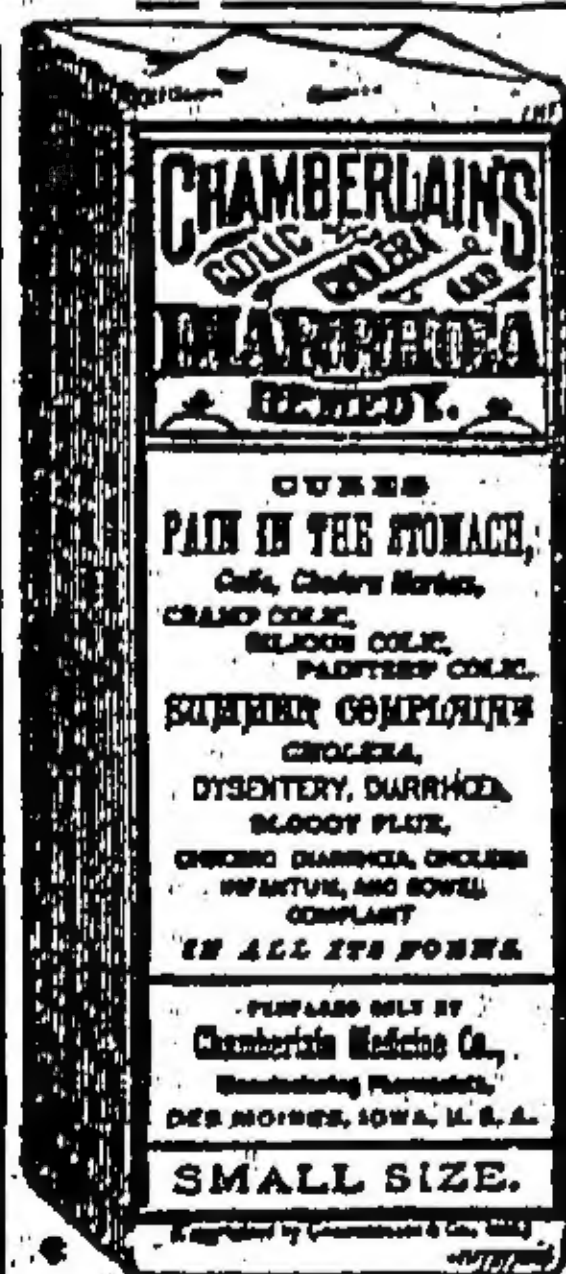
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DOME OF ST. PAUL'S.

WHAT THE PIERS HAVE TO CARRY.

We speak familiarly of "the dome of St. Paul's," as if there were only one. The present trouble, which has been slowly brewing through 200 years, comes from there being not one dome of St. Paul's but three. And besides the three domes there is the peristyle and there is the stone gallery.

There is first the inner dome, seen from the floor of the church. Outside it, invisible both from the floor of the church and from the exterior, comes the second dome, not properly a dome but a brick cone, which supports the lantern, ball, and cross. Outside this cone, again, comes "the dome of St. Paul's," the dome that we see and admire from Ludgate-circus, from Hampstead Heath, from Surrey hills and the reaches of the Thames. These domes and the cone do not hold themselves in position by lantern, cross, or ball, but by the weight of their own tridling weight of 800 tons is easily supported by the brick cone. But, besides the weight, the downward pressure of the cone itself, there is its outward pressure, its natural tendency to thrust outwards and to buckle; and to counteract this takes no fewer than 32 massive counterforts, as they are called, built against it outwards at right angles. The outer dome, made of lead, has to be kept to its true curve by huge timbers between itself and the cone. And then, to lift all this high above the arches of the crossing, there must be an enormous drum, with a wall 4 ft. thick, in a complete circle. The two domes and the cone, coming down at their different angles, meet together to bear down upon this drum, which is carrying also, it must be remembered, the weight of lantern, cross, and ball, of the 32 counterforts, and of all the timbers, staircases, iron doors, and what not which are necessary.

It looks as if we had already loaded the piers of the Cathedral pretty heavily, but there is much more to come. We have said nothing of the enormous weight of the peristyle and the stone gallery which make so much of the beauty of Wren's masterpiece as seen from the outside. To carry the peristyle and the stone gallery needs yet another drum with a wall 4 ft. thick, running completely round the huge circle. And this drum, with all that it weighs itself and all the weight of what it carries, is added to the burden which is taken by the eight arches, to be passed on, by them to the eight piers. There are 10,000 tons of it altogether—3,000 tons to each pier. Realizing this vast weight, and looking up from the floor of the church to the lantern—still more looking down upon the piers and arches, now grown tiny to the eye, from the gallery inside the top of the lantern, whence even the people in the whispering gallery look as small as ants—one cannot but wonder why those piers and arches have not long ago been crushed, and the whole lovely structure of grace and power broken in like a bubble.

Wren, of course, knew better than that. He knew what the strain would be; and very likely he was justified in his calculations of what would carry it, since it is not yet known what difference has been made by the vibration of traffic and by the carrying off of water. But it is true that he was anxious to keep his piers as slender as possible; it is true that this was the first great "classical" building to be constructed in England; and it is true, especially, that he was at his wit's end for stone. Of rubble he had plenty; the remnants of old St. Paul's were crying to be cleared away and used; and Mr. Bolwell, the Clerk of the Works at St. Paul's, can tell of the fragments of carved stone, found within the piers, which show where Wren got the filling. There is no question of blame or of murder in the past. The only question is how quickly modern wealth and modern knowledge can repair a gradual and inevitable failure.

BRIGHTON'S FAMOUS TWINS.

Matthew and Mark Gunn, the famous Brighton twins, celebrated their 92nd birthday recently. They are the survivors of a family of eleven, who were all given Biblical names, and the quartette of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were well-known figures on Brighton beach, where they carried out business in the fishing industry. The twins' father and grandfather were connected with the Brighton fishing trade all their lives, and had many exciting adventures. From the age of 14 until past 80 the brothers worked together on the beach. Mr. Gunn, senior, died at what Matthew calls the "early" age of 63, and their mother passed away at the age of 87. All their brothers and sisters have predeceased them, and the twins are now living with grandchildren.

Mr. Matthew Gunn makes light of the fact that a few months after he retired he fell and broke his leg and was in hospital four months. Twelve months later he had a serious fall in the dark and was in hospital nine months, yet to-day he is hale and hearty, and looks upon life as a very cheerful affair.

Despite many predictions to the contrary, the "bobs" and the "shingle" are more firmly established than ever. The expert and astute coiffure, finding that shortened tresses had come to stay, have evolved all sorts of new methods of treating the "bob" and the "shingle." Ago makes no difference if the individual is carefully studied, but the severe "shingle" or "bob" unwaved had certainly been reserved for youth alone. Even then, the newest youthful "bob" shows a centre parting, and in that case the hair is left longer. The so-called straight boyish example is, of course, for children, as is the new Dutch cut.

THE SACRED MONKEY.

INDIGNATION AMONG HINDUS.

With reference to the extensive export of monkeys from India for thyroid gland purposes—alluded to in our columns recently—the London Daily Telegraph publishes a leaderette in humorous vein, which reads:—

By an ingenious chain of reasoning, Charles Darwin proved that the residence of old maids encourages the growth of clover. But even he might be surprised to hear that the vogue of the monkey-gland treatment produces discontent in India. The number of people ambitious of renewing their youth is apparently very large on the Continent and in America. English people either do not feel their age so much or have less faith in the treatment. To America and the Continent, therefore, large consignments of monkeys have been sent from India. The conditions under which this traffic has been carried to the Indian ports have been bad, and we are heartily glad to learn that the monkeys are to be protected. But it is not their suffering on the journey which has disturbed the Indians. The complaint is that they are being taken at all. "The European craze for rejuvenation," cries the yellow Press of Calcutta, "is denuding India of monkeys."

We should not have thought there was much danger of that, even though all Central Europe and the United States renew their youth. According to the latest information, several monkeys can still be found in India. But accuracy must not be expected of journalists in moments of patriotic emotion. "Ostriches," our colleague in Calcutta assures us, "have been sacrificed in order that men should plume their hats. Now it is the turn of monkeys to be slaughtered in order that the sewers, drains, and debauched may win back a problematical youth." We have to own that Mr. Pott, of Katanawill, could not have done it better. But, in spite of the difficulty of believing that anything written in this style can have a meaning, it must not be ignored that Mr. Pott, of Calcutta, is appealing to powerful emotions. The trade is devilish, and the Government of India ought to stop it because, "rightly or wrongly," monkeys are regarded as sacred by millions of Hindus. The attempt to make the best of both worlds, those of the rationalist and the believer, with that "rightly or wrongly" is charming.

But, after all, our Mr. Pott knows his world. One of the great divinities of the Hindu mythology is Hanuman, the monkey god, who helped to save Vishnu's wife from the demon and bridged the strait to Ceylon with boulders from the Himalayas, being in all this aided and abetted by a host of minor monkeys. Hanuman has temples all over India, and the cutie monkey, an abundant, gregarious creature with white whiskers, is called by his name, worshipped, and believed to be the host of a man's ancestors. It may seem absurd that beliefs such as this should interfere with the demands of science. But a wise administrator will not be anxious to offend the temples in order to minister to the laboratories. And perhaps the Indian peasant who believes that the soul of his grandfather is in the whiskered monkey is not so much more credulous than the people who believe that a gland from that monkey will give a man back his vanished youth.

LANCASTER CATHOLIC SEE.

ARRANGEMENT OF DIOCESES.

The new Roman Catholic diocese of Lancaster consists of the portion of the archdiocese of Liverpool lying north of the Ribbles, with the addition of the counties of Westmorland and Cumberland, which have been part of the Diocese of Exeter and Newcastles. The arrangement means the transference to the new diocese of about 67,000 out of a total Roman Catholic population of 400,000 in the archdiocese of Liverpool. Lancaster is to be the Cathedral centre of the new See, which will include the towns of Preston, a great Roman Catholic stronghold, Lytham, St. Anne's, Blackpool, Fleetwood, and Morecambe (all in the archdiocese of Liverpool), and Carlisle, Whitehaven, Maryport, and Whitehaven (hitherto in Exeter and Newcastle Diocese). St. Peter's Church, Lancaster, which will be the Cathedral, was built over 60 years ago and has a fine peal of bells installed in 1880.

The Bishop of the new diocese, the Very Rev. Father Thomas Wulstan Pearson, O.S.B., Prior of St. Benedict's, Ealing, London, whose appointment was recently announced, was born at Croston (Lancs.) in 1876, entered the priesthood in 1897, and studied at Douai, France, and Downside. After becoming the first prefect of Downside he took up missionary work, going to St. Mary's Church, Highfield, Liverpool, where he worked from 1912 to 1916. He was then promoted to Ealing Priory. He is keenly interested in sport, and while at Downside was once asked to play cricket for Somerset.

Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral Northamptonshire home of George Washington, is to be maintained in future by the Colonial Dames of America, who have raised an endowment fund of £20,000 for the purpose. The Manor is not only to be preserved as an historic monument to America's first President, but to commemorate the more than a hundred years peace between the English-speaking nations. The Colonial Dames pledged themselves in 1923 to raise sufficient funds for the purpose of ensuring the permanent upkeep of the Manor, and the greater part of the endowment is subscribed by the Dames themselves, with generous aid from the public.

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NEW ZEALAND PARTIES. MR. MASSEY'S TASK.

Political life in New Zealand has not been serene since the election of 1922, and the present trend of events indicates the possibility of increasing rather than diminishing trouble, writes a correspondent in the *Times*.

The 1922 election saw the Reform Party's substantial majority converted into a minority mainly by the changes of the electoral system, though Mr. Massey's followers actually polled better than in the preceding election. Though in a minority, the Government remained much stronger than either of the opposing parties, and they were able to retain office by the votes of certain Liberals and Independents who were pledged not to vote them out unless the Liberals could accept office without Labour support. With a Government thus holding office by the narrowest of margins, Mr. Massey has gone on for two years under considerable strain. He has refused to allow minority dictation, but this has not freed his Ministry from the embarrassment always imposed by uncertain tenure of the Treasury Bench. The policy laid down when the Reform Party had its own sure majority has been followed, but at the cost of severe strain on the leader and his colleagues.

It would be thought that in two years the disabilities proceeding from the lack of a clear majority would be evident to the electors, and that they would learn, if not from their own experience, at least from the British and Australian examples, the wisdom of returning a Government with sufficient support to carry out its announced policy without the risk of constant discomfiture. No doubt this is perceived by many of the electors, but it is by no means certain as yet that the election next year will show that the majority have learned the lesson as the British electorate has.

FORMING A FOURTH PARTY.

There are two factors which make the position uncertain: the discontent of a section of the farmers, and the fact that the Labour Party has not yet been submitted to the test of office. As to the first factor, the Reformers have displayed the greatest concern for the welfare of the country people. The schemes for cooperative produce control, increased advances to settlers, road-making, development, and immigration have all been designed to afford assistance to the primary producers.

It would not be correct to call the Government a Country Party in Australia, but they certainly have never displayed the least bias against the rural districts. Yet a Country Party is striving to become established. Its leaders and supporters are almost wholly in the Auckland province, and its progress hitherto has not been remarkable. It makes its claim for support on the ground that no existing party voices the wishes of the farmers, and its chief aim appears to be the establishment of an agricultural or land bank. Parliament has passed legislation enabling farmers to form such land banks or rural credit associations, but there is a demand for more—that the Government shall place the result of the State behind the venture and provide a substantial sum for the initial capital.

The Government have been unwilling to pledge the State credit, claiming that the State Advances Department already fulfils all the functions which a State-aided bank can undertake, and this attitude has been supported by the commercial and financial interests, which are great enough in pledging public credit for the benefit of a particular class. Some of the farmers, however, are not satisfied, and they have the illusion (for it is nothing else) that if they have a party of their own they can have their way. They fail to see that they are merely bringing a fourth party into the political arena, and that that fourth party must gain its strength mainly at the expense of the Reform Party, which has been the farmers' friend. The farmers are unlikely to win more than a few seats, but in the attempt they may so divide moderate voters that Labour candidates will be elected.

LABOUR PROSPECTS.

The Labour Party, then, is most likely to benefit by this movement. Labour gained largely at the last election, almost doubling its strength; but it is by no means certain that its progress will be equally rapid in future. Its success has been chiefly in the large towns, where it can now win only a few more seats. To win country seats it must tone down its policy. There is not wanting evidence of a desire on the part of some members of the party to place less emphasis on the Socialistic objective and more on immediate and practical proposals. The colour of internationalism is also regarded by some as a check to the party's progress. But the way of modification has hitherto been barred by the older leaders, who frankly acknowledge their adherence to the school of Marx. The influence of these men is strong in the movement because they were its sponsors in the days of its unpopularity. If it were not for their record of long service, their doctrines would possibly be unacceptable now when Labour must make its appeal beyond the circle of the "class-conscious."

It must not be thought, however, that there are Right and Left wings in the Labour movement. The party is, at present, strongly united because its office is opposition. If it were called upon in the near future to undertake the positive duty of government, it would be compelled to face the necessity of giving effect to its nationalization schemes, for which the country is certainly not prepared, or it would have to explain its backsliding to the more advanced members. It would be faced with the practical difficulties which are more potent than arguments in upsetting theories.

There is, however, the tendency on the part of many members of the public to support Labour, not as the exponent of new and untried theories, but as the most vigorous critic of the Government. Labour has no opportunity of (Continued on next column).

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attempting to fasten on the Government responsibility for the evils of the times. The electors are not convinced that the indictment is faithfully drawn, but some of them are disposed to say:—"Anyway, this Government have had a long innings. Let us see what some of the others will do." Vigorous propaganda is the only answer to such a suggestion, but propaganda has not been the long suit of the Reform Party. Except at election times the burden of answering criticism has been left chiefly to the leader. That, doubtless, as a fault which is always to be found where one strong man has so long controlled a party.

It is now being realized that the task of appealing to the public must be shared, as the other political duty is, especially when the leader is at times forced to be absent for long periods at Imperial Conferences. Mr. Massey has excellent men in his Cabinet, but they have been overshadowed in the public estimation by his own personality. It is only lately that the public has begun to realize the force and vigour of Mr. Coates, and the character and judgment of Mr. Downie Stewart. Such men, with the experience and leadership which Mr. Massey supplies, are quite capable of meeting their opponents effectively if they initiate the intensive warfare of the Labour Party.

Yet there is still the difficulty of the triangular party position. Combination of Reformers and Liberals would remove this, but antagonism appears to be too great to permit of union until the position becomes otherwise impossible. The British election has raised hopes in the minds of some Reformers that the electors themselves will cut the Gordian knot by returning the strongest single party with an absolute majority, but it is not wise to build too much on such hopes. Australian electors, faced with a similar difficulty, refused to cut knots, and forced the politicians to untie them.

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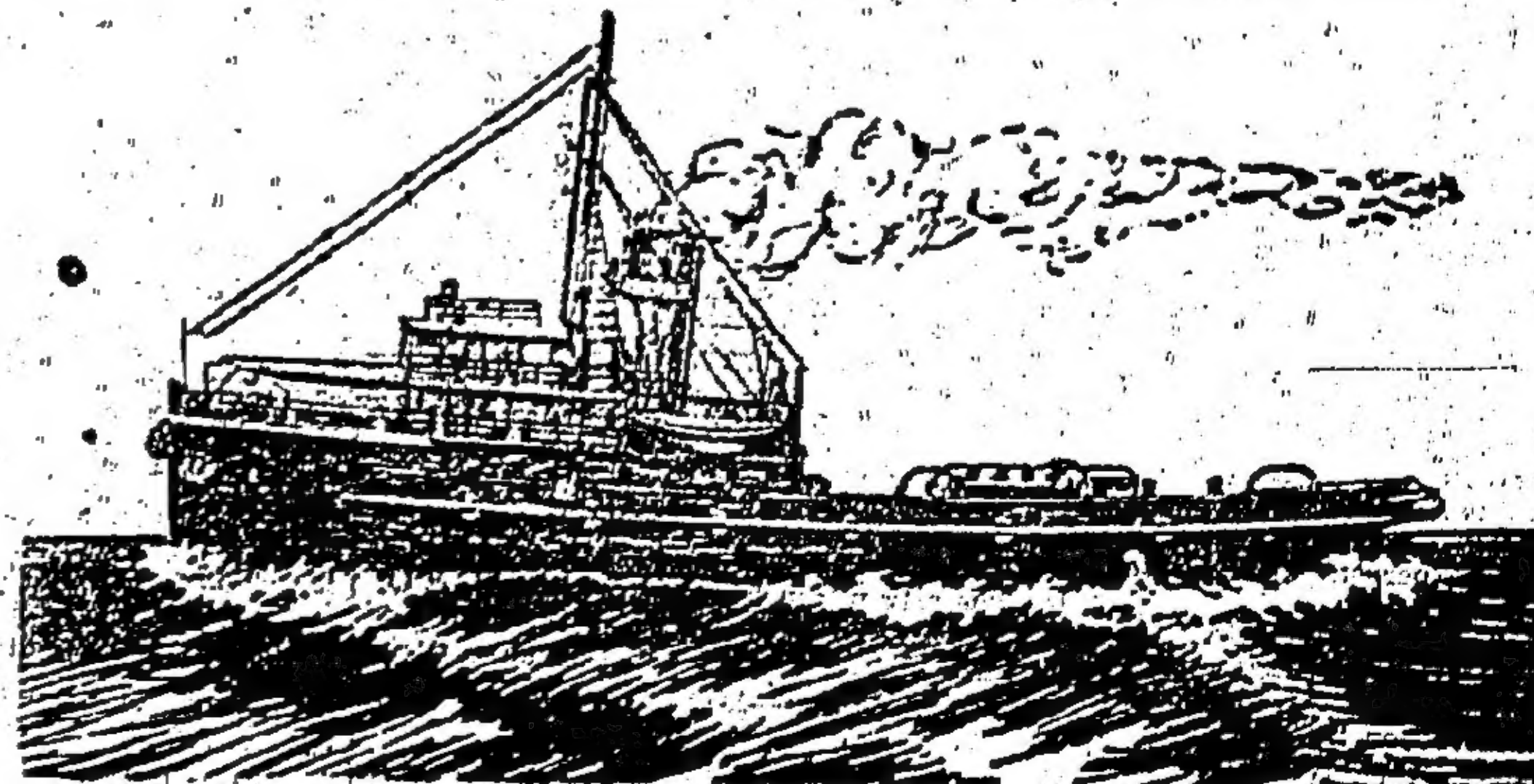


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INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
AMOI	Van Overstraten	24th Feb.
STRAITS	Taipei	24th Feb.
JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROPE via	Kamo Maru	24th Feb.
SIBERIA (London, 30th Jan.)		
MANILA	Pres. McKinley	25th Feb.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Emp. of Asia	25th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Liangchong	25th Feb.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Taiyuan	25th Feb.
JAPAN	Tanda	27th Feb.
U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. Adams	2nd March

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Manila	Olderick	Tuesday, 24th, 8.00 A.M.
Hobow and Haiphong	Mingwang	8.30 A.M.
Hobow	Lean	9.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, and EUROPE via	Kashima Maru	10.30 A.M.
Siberia (Correspondence specially		
subscribed "via Siberia" only)		
*Swatow and Bangkok	Uakang	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	H. H. Hong	Noon
Saigon	Enrikan	12.30 P.M.
Straits and Calcutta	H. H. Hong	1.00 P.M.
Saigon	Chicago	2.30 P.M.
Saigon	Frank Hong	4.30 P.M.
Swatow	Amoy Sang	5.00 P.M.
Rangoon	Nishiki Maru	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S.	Kamo Maru	Wednesday, 25th, 8.45 A.M.
Africa, Egypt, and EUROPE via		
Marseilles—due Marseilles 25th March		
Shanghai	Yingchou	8.30 A.M.
Wei Hai Wei	Van Overstraten	10.30 A.M.
Straits	Huichow	11.30 A.M.
	Servicio	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Cent.	Pres. McKinley	Thursday, 26th, Noon
and South America, & EUROPE via		
Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria,		
B.C., 17th March		
Shanghai and Japan	Yokohama Maru	Friday, 27th, 9.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Franking	Noon
Manila	Emp. of Asia	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada,	Pres. Pierce	Parcels 27th, 5.00 P.M.
U.S.A., C. & S. America, & EUROPE		
via SAN FRANCISCO—due		
San Francisco, 34th March		
Manila, Sandakan, Australia, and New	Tanda	Saturday, 28th, 8.45 A.M.
Zealand via Thursday Island—due		
Thursday Island, 16th March		
Manila	Yuzhang	8.30 A.M.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India,		
Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden,		
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—		
due Marseilles, 1st April—Ship sails		
at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 1st March		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hosan Maru	Sunday, 1st, 9.00 A.M.
Straits and Egypt	Meriones	Monday, 2nd, 2.30 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via	Taiyuan	Parcels 2nd, 5.00 P.M.
Thursday Island—due Thursday		
Island, 17th March		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tuesday, 3rd, 8.45 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S.	Malisa	Registration 9.30 A.M.
Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE		
via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles,		
3rd April		

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Credit, at 4 months' sight	1/4 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1/4 1/2
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Credit, 4 months' sight	1,150
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Telegraphic Transfer	15 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	15 1/2
On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	15 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	15 1/2
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
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On MANILA—On demand	199 1/2
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On HANKOW—On demand	80 1/2
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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARLOW,
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Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [38]

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FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. FERGUSON,
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Hongkong, April 8th, 1924. [31]

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Z. YAMAMOTO,
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Hongkong Branch,
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J. B. ROSS,
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7, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, January 2nd, 1925. [30]

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KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1925. [34]

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U. ARIMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 27th October, 1924. [32]